

Presentation: Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers for Kentucky's Youth

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On March 17, 2005, 28 Kentucky state educational and policy leaders participated at the Kentucky Education Forum at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System office to discuss how to improve students' ability to make successful transitions from high school to postsecondary education and careers. The forum was sponsored by the League for Innovation in the KCTCS and the Southern Regional Education Board. In keeping with the intent of the SREB's College and Career Transitions Initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the League, the forum focused on five desired outcomes:

- Decreased need for remediation at the postsecondary level.
- Increased enrollment and persistence in postsecondary education.
- Increased academic and skill achievement at the secondary and postsecondary levels.
- Increased attainment of postsecondary degrees, certificates, or other recognized credentials.
- Increased entry into employment or further education.

Following opening presentations, discussion concentrated on three questions:

- What action is needed to reduce college developmental and remedial studies and to raise academic and technical achievement in high school and college?
- How can we increase enrollment in postsecondary education?
- How can we improve persistence in postsecondary education to increase the percentages of students receiving postsecondary degrees, certification, or other recognized credentials that improve students' chances of getting good jobs and pursuing further education?

The report from this discussion is in the attached document. Gene Bottoms, senior vice president of the Southern Regional Education Board, will discuss the findings and the implications for the work of the P-16 Council at the March 29 meeting.